I am currently a subscriber to Dish Network and am writing to voice my support for the merger with Direct TV. After I lost the local channel reception on Sept 11th, I choose not to sign up for Cablevision which on LI has become a monopoly. Satellite TV offers a less expensive alternative to cable. Many of the sports channels my family wanted were included in a basic package. With Cablevision I would be paying a great deal more. If you are worried about a monopoly why not look into Cablevision. Cable subscribers have no choice in Nassau and most of Suffolk. Merging the two satellite companies would enable them to better challenge what is now a monopoly. Thank you.